DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval
Under
Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP)
Simplified Acquisition Threshold (\$3K to \$150K)
For Restricting Competition under FAR 13.106-1(b)(1) "Single Source"

1. Contracting Activity:

Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 20 Supply Team A, Boise ID for SPOKANE WA, VAMC Behavioral Health Department.

2. Nature of the Action Being Processed:

The request was for services rendered on October 5-6, 2013 with pre-Approval from the NCO20 NCM. This is an annual event that has been ongoing yet funded by completing a VA Form 1358 instead of the Purchase Request Form 2237. The Spokane, WA VAMC Behavioral Health Department holds this annual event for the homeless in Libby, Montana as an integral function within the department's community service programs to provide support to local homeless veterans.

3. <u>Description of Supplies or Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:</u>

2237 Number <u>668-14-1-2759-0001</u>.

The Spokane, WA VAMC Behavioral Health Department holds this annual event for the homeless veteran's in Libby, Montana as an integral function within the department's community service support programs. These services included but not all inclusive are haircuts, food, clothing, specialty support services and personal hygiene items and other various opportunities, subsidies and community support programs offered to homeless veterans each year by the local VAMC.

4. Statutory Authority Permitting Restriction in Competition:

The statutory authority for restricting competition <u>under SAP</u>, or <u>Single Sourcing</u>, for <u>acquisitions under \$150,000 or Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT)</u> is 41 U.S.C. 253(c), as implemented by FAR 13.106-1(b)(1).

The specific reason for restricting competition is that the event was already approved to proceed with the vendor and Stand down Event by the authority given to the NCO20 Network Contracting Manager after the submission and review of the IGCE and supporting documents for approval to proceed with the current vendor and event supporting local homeless veteran's.

5. <u>Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):</u>

The current contractor, NW Montana Veteran's Stand Down, DBA NW Montana Veteran's Food Pantry, is the current local source for providing food, clothing and other resources to local homeless veterans. These unique qualifications are inherently vital to the veterans support programs and tie closely with the Spoken VAMC Behavioral Health Departments programs for the homeless veterans as well. Without the unique qualifications and experience in this field, then the community support program would not be able to reach out to the communities homeless veteran's to communicate the vital support events and programs being offered by the local VAMC's.

- 6. Description of Efforts Made to Ensure that Offers are Solicited from As Many
 Potential Sources as Deemed Practicable IAW FAR 13.104:
 Future request for this requirement will be submitted on a 2237 and competed under the SAT and awarded by local contracting officers prior to the future events.
- 7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable IAW FAR 13.106-3:

 The Behavioral Health Department has a few different sources for this annual event that it uses based on cost and services provided for this annual event. The final accepted quote is provided on the IGCE which is filed in the local briefcase file.
- 8. <u>Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or Statement of</u>
 Reasons Market Research was not Conducted (FAR 10):

GSA/FSS was still examined along with other current WSNC BPA/Contracts and NAC contracts for similar services for such events. However, the contracting office is currently working a requirement to establish a competitive solicitation for contract that will be pending award in the near future which will have accomplished the required and applicable market pursuant to FAR Part 10.

- 9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Restriction of Competition:
 None noted
- 10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:

None for this order.

- 11. Statement of Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making Subsequent Acquisitions for the Supplies or Services Required: Future request for this requirement will be submitted on a 2237 and competed under the SAT by local contracting officers.
- 12. Requirements Certification IAW FAR 6.303-2(c):

I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a bonafide need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

22 October 2013

John Evan Davis

HCHV Program Coordinator

Date 10.23.13

13. Approvals IAW VHA SOP 3.22.11:

a. Contracting Officer's Certification: (required) I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Steven Owens

Contract Specialist

NCO 20 Supply Team A

22 October 2013

Date 23 Oct 70/2

b. NCM/PCM/DESIGNEE: I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval for other than full and open competition.

22 October 2013

John Kopp

NCO 20 Supply Team A Manager

Date

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